

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 608

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUTH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 478, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to landlord-tenant court dockets.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 478, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 478.1005, to read as follows:

3 **478.1005. 1. A landlord-tenant docket may be established by any circuit court to**
4 **provide an alternative for the current judicial system to dispose of cases involving a dispute**
5 **between landlords and tenants.**

6 **2. This docket shall hear cases involving a written or oral lease, and the court shall**
7 **have the authority to evict a tenant and to enter a money judgment. The court shall not**
8 **hear a case involving a person living in property owned by that landlord if the person has**
9 **not entered into a lease with the landlord and shall not order a landlord to make any**
10 **repairs to a property.**

11 **3. Each circuit court shall establish conditions for referral of proceedings to the**
12 **landlord-tenant docket.**

4. The court may assess any fees and costs to parties of cases heard in the landlord-
tenant docket in accordance with other civil cases before the court.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.